has given me within the last two years or so, a very considerable increase of power as a preacher, & especially as an extempore preacher. And I wish to employ that power to the best advantage. Still I have no wishes for a city location. I have been too intimate with Br. Phelps to regard that as desirable. I prefer a country location, but one of some importance, & if my wishes may have a place, in the region of some larger centre of influence.

Now then Br. P. your opinion is worth something. Will you just take the trouble to drop me a line?

The movements of the antislavery cause are onward. The ministers of this Association, & I should think of this whole region, are all coming right. The redoubtable Senator Hunt has done much to defeat his own ends & aid the Abolitionists. — We in Sherburne have an A. S. Society of 50 members & increasing. Deac Leland strong in the opposition.

Tell your good wife to say positively if her sister Harriet is engaged or intends to be engaged to that Mr. Powers, & never tell any body that I asked the question, on penalty of the forfeiture of — — no matter what.

positively S. Lee

Samuel Lee.

Sherburne March 29. 1836

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Br Phelps

What say you? I have a call to settle at New Ipswich N.H. There is a church of 330 - a congregation of 500 to 700. They have proposed a salary of $700. I have told them that my brethren say that is not enough, & that the addition of $50 would remove all objections on the score of salary. I have said nothing to my people about it. Now should they comply with my proposal as to salary shall I comply with their invitation? The town is the largest in the region - has a bank 5 stores, 5 physicians - 3 manufacturing establishments & the rest in good substantial farmers. But it is a little too much out of the way: & the Association with which I shall be connected is small & I apprehend not of the first rate materials.

Now I wish when I move, to go to the right kind of place. Unless I misjudge God